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U.S. APPLICATION NO. (if known see 37 C.F.R. 1.5)		
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INTERNATIONAL APPLICATION NO.	INTERNATIONAL FILING DATE	EARLIEST PRIORITY DATE CLAIMED
PCT/EP00/08552	30 August 2000	30 August 1999
TITLE OF INVENTION		
STRENGTHENING LAYER FOR USE IN COMPOSITES TO BE FORMED BY MEANS OF VACUUM TECHNIQUE		
APPLICANT(S) FOR DO/EO/US		
CLAEYS, Etienne		

Applicant herewith submits to the United States Designated/Elected Office (DO/EO/US) the following items and other information by **Express Mail**:

- X 1. This is a **FIRST** submission of items concerning a filing under 35 U.S.C. 371.
2. This is a **SECOND** or **SUBSEQUENT** submission of items concerning a filing under 37 U.S.C. 371.
- X 3. This is an express request to begin national examination procedures (35 U.S.C. 371(f)). The submission must include items (5), (6), (9) and (21) indicated below.
- X 4. A proper Demand for International Preliminary Examination was made by the 19th month from the earliest claimed priority date.
- X 5. A copy of the International Application as filed (35 U.S.C. 371(c)(2))
- X a. is attached hereto (required only if not communicated by the International Bureau).
- X b. has been communicated by the International Bureau.
- c. is not required, as the application was filed in the United States Receiving Office (RO/US).

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- _____ 6. An English language translation of the International Application as filed (35 U.S.C. 371(c)(2)).
- X 7. Amendments to the claims of the International Application under PCT Article 19 (35 U.S.C. 371(c)(3))
- _____ a. are attached hereto (required only if not communicated by the International Bureau).
- _____ b. have been communicated by the International Bureau.
- _____ c. have not been made; however, the time limit for making such amendments has NOT expired.
- X d. have not been made and will not be made.
- _____ 8. An English language translation of the amendments to the claims under PCT Article 19 (35 U.S.C. 371(c)(3)).
- _____ 9. An oath or declaration of the inventor(s) (35 U.S.C. 371(c)(4)).
- _____ 10. An English language translation of the annexes to the International Preliminary Examination Report under PCT Article 36 (35 U.S.C. 371(c)(5)).

Items 11. to 20. below concern document(s) or information included:

- X 11. An Information Disclosure Statement under 37 C.F.R. 1.97 and 1.98.
- _____ 12. An assignment document for recording. A separate cover sheet in compliance with 37 C.F.R. 3.28 and 3.31 is included.
- _____ 13. A FIRST preliminary amendment.
- _____ 14. A SECOND or SUBSEQUENT preliminary amendment.
- _____ 15. A substitute specification.
- _____ 16. A change of power of attorney and/or address letter.
- _____ 17. A computer-readable form of the sequence listing in accordance with 35 U.S.C. 1.821 – 1.825.
- _____ 18. A second copy of the published international application under 35 U.S.C. 154(d)(4).
- _____ 19. A second copy of the English language translation of the international application under 35 U.S.C. 154(d)(4).
- X 20. Other items or information:
- X International Preliminary Examination Report.

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<u>X</u> 21. The following fees are submitted:.				CALCULATIONS PTO USE ONLY	
BASIC NATIONAL FEE (37 CFR 1.492(a)(1)-(5)):					
Neither international preliminary examination fee (37 CFR 1.482) nor international search fee (37 CFR 1.445(a)(2)) paid to USPTO and International Search Report not prepared by the EPO or JPO\$1,040.00					
International preliminary examination fee (37 CFR 1.482) not paid to USPTO but International Search Report prepared by the EPO or JPO \$890.00					
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International preliminary examination fee paid to USPTO (37 CFR 1.482) but all claims did not satisfy provisions of PCT Article 33(1)-(4).....\$710.00					
International preliminary examination fee paid to USPTO (37 CFR 1.482) and all claims satisfied provisions of PCT Article 33(1)-(4)\$100.00					
ENTER APPROPRIATE BASIC FEE AMOUNT =				\$890.00	
Surcharge of \$130.00 for furnishing the oath or declaration later than ____ 20 30 months from the earliest claimed priority date (37 CFR 1.492(e)).				\$	
CLAIMS	NUMBER FILED	NUMBER EXTRA	RATE		
Total claims	21 - 20 =	1	X \$18.00	\$18.00	
Independent claims	3 - 3 =	0	X \$84.00	\$	
MULTIPLE DEPENDENT CLAIMS(S) (if applicable)			+ \$280.00	\$280.00	
TOTAL OF ABOVE CALCULATIONS =				\$1,188.00	
____ Applicant claims small entity status. See 37 CFR 1.27. The fees indicated above are reduced by 1/2.				\$	
SUBTOTAL =				\$1,188.00	
Processing fee of \$130.00 for furnishing the English translation later than ____ 20 ____ 30 months from the earliest claimed priority date (37 CFR 1.492(f)).				\$	
TOTAL NATIONAL FEE =				\$1,188.00	
Fee for recording the enclosed assignment (37 CFR 1.21(h)). The assignment must be accompanied by an appropriate cover sheet (37 CFR 3.28, 3.31). \$40.00 per property				\$	
TOTAL FEES ENCLOSED =				\$1,188.00	
				Amount to be: refunded	\$
				charged	\$

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- b. Please charge my Deposit Account No. in the amount of \$ to cover the above fees. A duplicate copy of this sheet is enclosed.
- X c. The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any additional fees which may be required, or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 03-1740. A duplicate copy of this sheet is enclosed.

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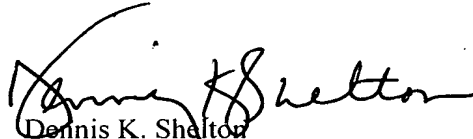
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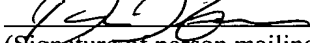
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